SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF:

LEON WAYNE CORLEY, SR.

License No.: ELS.8149

Case No.: 2015-28

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Respondent.

By agreement of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors (the Board) and the above-named Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-320(f) (1976, as amended) and the S.C. Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Respondent, Leon Wayne Corley, Sr., admits the Board has jurisdiction over him and over the subject matter of this action as provided by S.C. Code Ann. § 40-22-115.
- 2. Respondent admits that he has provided true and accurate information in his application packet to the Board, and that the packet may be reviewed by the Board in its consideration of this agreement. Respondent's license lapsed on June 30, 2010.
- 3. Respondent admits that he practiced engineering on eleven (11) projects in South Carolina prior to applying for a reinstatement of his lapsed license on or about June 8, 2015. Respondent admits he has received zero dollars (\$0.00) in fees in payments for these projects. Respondent is employed by the State and receives a salary for his work, not fees based on projects.
- 4. Respondent admits that his (partial) Application for Reinstatement of Lapsed License-Long Form is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit #1. Respondent avers that he initially misunderstood the import of the application questions, and corrected his answers via email dated July 9, 2015. A copy of this email is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit #2.
- 5. Respondent has had no disciplinary complaints and was first licensed by this Board on or about July 21, 1980.
- 6. Respondent waives any further findings of fact with respect to this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent admits that as a result of the previous admissions herein, the Respondent has violated S.C. Code of Laws §§ 40-22-30(A) and 40-22-30(C) (1976, as amended).
- Respondent acknowledges that he is subject to the S.C. Code of Regs. R. 49-106 and the
 entire body of law relating to the Board in all respects, and may be responsible for
 additional requirements related to licensure that are incumbent upon all licensees of the
 Board which are not reflected in this agreement.
- 3. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to this matter.

THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED with the Respondent's consent that:

- 1. The Respondent is hereby issued a Public Reprimand.
- 2. Respondent shall pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Agreement. Said fine shall not be deemed paid until received by the Board in the form of a money order or cashier's check.
- 3. Upon payment of the above fine, Respondent's license shall be eligible for immediate reinstatement, barring any additional licensing issues which are not apparent to the State at the time of execution of this Agreement. Administrative staff processing times may vary; this is not to be construed as a guarantee of same-day reinstatement.
- 4. It is understood and agreed that if the Respondent fails to meet the conditions agreed to in this Consent Agreement, the Respondent's license may be suspended immediately pending compliance. Non-compliance may result in further discipline. Any license law violation by the Respondent constitutes a failure to meet this Consent Agreement's conditions.
- 5. The Respondent has full knowledge that he has the right to a hearing and to be represented by counsel in this matter, and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives such rights by entering into this Consent Agreement. The Respondent understands and agrees that by entering into this Consent Agreement, he voluntarily relinquishes any right to judicial review of Board action(s) which may be taken concerning any related matters.
- 6. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Agreement will not become effective unless and until the Board approves it. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Agreement, if approved, will be disseminated as a public action of the Board in the manner provided by law. The Respondent understands and agrees that if this Consent Agreement is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter.
- 7. Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, this Consent Agreement, with any attachments, is a public document.

8. Respondent shall promptly advise this Board in writing of any changes in address, practice, privileges, professional status, or compliance with this agreement. Correspondence and copies of reports, notices, and payments of civil penalties mentioned herein shall be directed to:

SCDLLR – Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors P.O. Box 11597 Columbia, SC 29211-1597

9. This Consent Agreement shall take effect immediately upon the Board's acceptance and service upon Respondent.

AND IT IS SO AGREED.

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS

TIMOTHY RICKBORN, PE, Chairman

I CONSENT:

LEON WAYNE CORLEY, SR.

RESPONDENT

July 13, 2015

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be served the within fully executed Consent Agreement upon the person hereafter named, by placing the same in an envelope, securely wrapped, in the United States first class mail, certified mail, return receipt requested, properly addressed to the said person hereafter named, at the place and address stated below, which is the last known address for the same:

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